

The following gentlemen were elected Life Members of the Society :—Dr. McQuesten, R. M. Wanzer, Esq., and W. Powis, Esq., of Hamilton. After an interesting discussion on the subject, an unanimous approval of the Provisional or Non-Permanent Agency system was expressed. This system will be continued. Messrs. Kerr and Anderson, Accountants, were again appointed to audit the books of the Society. After prayer by the Rev. Dr. Taylor, the meeting was brought to a close at 9.50 o'clock.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS took place on Tuesday, the 19th inst., commencing at 7.30 p.m. Alexander Christie, Esq., Director, in the chair. The Rev. J. M. Cameron, Honorary Secretary, read a portion of Scripture, and the Rev. W. H. Poole led in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, and of the "proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting," of the Society, which was held in Knox Church, Toronto, on Wednesday evening, the 6th inst., and which was largely attended, were presented by the Senior Honorary Secretary and confirmed. A large "Committee on Agency" was appointed. The duties of this committee are important. The increase in the number of Branches to be visited, and the recent action of the Board, by which "not more than twenty-five Branches" shall be assigned to any agent, will call for an increase in the agency staff. The Committee will report to the Board from time to time the result of their correspondence and consultations on the general features of the work, and of applications for employment as agents of the Society. All appointments of agents are made by the Board, but the particular field of labour for each agent is to be assigned by the Committee.

The gratuities for the month of April, which amounted to \$53.42, were confirmed. This meeting closed at 11 o'clock with prayer, by the Rev. Dr. Green.

ANNUAL SERMON.—The Annual Sermon in behalf of the Society was preached on Sunday evening, the 3rd inst., in the Bond Street Baptist Church, to a large congregation, by the Rev. Dr. Castle, the pastor of the church, from the words :—"We have also a more sure word of prophesy : whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place." (2 Peter, i., 19.) The discourse was one of great ability, and eminently fitted to accomplish the object for which it was delivered. We deeply regret that as the reverend preacher could not be prevailed upon to furnish us with a copy of his sermon, we cannot present it in these pages for the edification of our numerous readers.

STUDY THE BIBLE.

It is an urgent motive to study a book with expectant mind when men like Origen, and so many kindred minds, have found in its theology the keynote of all harmonies, divine and human, and the open entrance to the knowledge and fruition of God.—Sears.